FISCAL NOTE

SB 1685 - HB 1847

April 1, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the verification of immigration status before the delivery of public benefits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- Each department providing public assistance will incur an increase in administrative costs.
- The Department of Health would have to require verification of immigration status for some primary patients seen in local health departments. This could have a highly adverse impact on public health services if a person leaves without proper medical care.
- Fear of being reported to immigration authorities, even though the person is eligible to receive other health care services, could result in an impact on department programs such as TB, HIV/AIDS, STD, Prenatal Care, Family Planning and Immunization Services.
- Possible increase in TB, STD, HIV/AIDS diseases affecting the wider population, not just illegal immigrants.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director